



## House Passes Walter Omnibus Measure

### No Decision Yet by California On Appeal to State Court Ruling Outlawing Anti-Alien Land Law

SAN FRANCISCO—The state of California late this week had not yet indicated whether it would appeal a State Supreme Court decision of April 17 which found the Alien Land Law unconstitutional.

No official comment had been made by the office of the state's attorney general, Edmund Brown, as to whether it would fight the court's ruling in the Sei Fujii case that the 30-year-old land law violated the 14th Amendment, though it was reported here that Brown had indicated earlier he would not press the case further.

It was indicated, however, that pressure is now being brought on Brown to appeal the case in view of its United Nations charter implications.

The case decided by the Supreme Court had challenged the land law's validity on grounds that it violated the UN Charter. The high court's seven justices ruled unanimously that the charter does not supersede local law. Advocates for appeal seek a final opinion on the UN issue from the U.S. Supreme Court.

If the state's attorney general files for an appeal, the California Supreme Court will have 30 days in which to decide on the motion. If this is denied, Brown will have 90 days in which to take the matter to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The California high court's ruling was hailed here as ending racial discrimination in the right to own property within the state.

The majority decision, written by Chief Justice Phil Gibson, declared that the law was "obviously designed and administered as an instrument for effectuating racial discrimination." He added that "the most searching examination discloses no circumstances" justifying classification on the basis of aliens ineligible to citizenship. Justice Gibson's opinion rejected theories that the land laws protected the nation's security by forbidding property right to persons whom the nation considered unacceptable as citizens.

Gibson said it cannot be reasoned that "a person has no stake in the economic and social fortune of a state merely because the Federal law denies him the right to naturalization.

"His American-born children are citizens, and, having made his home here, he has a natural interest, identical with that of an eligible alien, in the strength and security of the country in which he makes a living for his family and educates his children."

The chief justice said that the real purpose of the law was "the elimination of competition by alien Japanese in farming California land, and this discriminatory nature rendered it invalid under the Constitution."

He added, "Although the prevention of agricultural competition between residents of the state might be a proper legislative objective under some circumstances arbitrary or unreasonable means may not be used to accomplish that result, and discrimination on the basis of race, whether by the terms of a statute or the manner of its administration, is obviously contrary to the Fourteenth Amendment."

Justices Douglas L. Edmonds and Robert J. Traynor concurred, while Justice Jesse W. Carter wrote a separate concurring opinion.

The dissenting opinion, written by Justice B. Rey Schauer, said a majority of the justices of this court join in an opinion which recognizes the law as it is, but refuses to follow it. There is no question as to what the law is."

Justice Schauer said that the Alien Land Law had been upheld consistently by the Supreme Courts of the state and the country. The majority opinion, he said, is not motivated by an effort to find the law and to uphold it as

found. I think it stems more from the strong social view of the justices who write it and from their desire to make the law what they think it should be."

Justice Schauer charged the court's majority with refusing to abide by the land law and by refusing to uphold the will of the people of California.

He was joined by Justices John W. Shenk and Homer R. Spence.

The court's ruling is expected to affect another test of the land law, the Masaoka case, which is also before the court.

In the Masaoka case, five citizen brothers purchased a home for Mrs. Haruye Masaoka, an alien, presented her with the deed to the property and then asked the courts to establish her right to own the property.

### Los Angeles May Bid for JACL Parley

LOS ANGELES—"We're for the 13th!" was the big convention decision taken by the Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council at a meeting held at the home of the chairman Edison Uno on April 18.

"We want the next (13th) National JACL Convention in Los Angeles," Uno said, announcing that the five chapters of the council had unanimously voted to make a strong bid for the 1954 confab at the 12th biennial Convention in San Francisco this June.

"Los Angeles has the facilities and attractions, JACL manpower and personnel, community-wide support, enthusiasm and know-how to make the 13th biennial Convention in 1954 JACL's biggest and best," Uno declared.

Members of the Coordinating Council include active JACL Chapters in East Los Angeles, Downtown Los Angeles, Southwest Los Angeles, West Los Angeles and Venice.

### Rashomon Benefit Nets Nearly \$500 For Denver Chapter

DENVER—Ticket sales for the Denver showing of "Rashomon," Japanese prizewinning film, have netted \$478.90 for the JACL-ADC drive in this city.

The film was shown at the Vogue Art Cinema during the first two weeks of April.

Y. Terasaki, chairman, reported that 1261 tickets were sold. The JACL received 40c from each ticket. Assisting Terasaki were Roy Mayeda, Denver JACL president, Sam Matsumoto, finance chairman, and the Mountain-Plains regional office.

The benefit was arranged with Mrs. Alberta Pike Boyd, proprietor of the Vogue Art Cinema.

### Utah Flood Forces Family's Evacuation

SPANISH FORK, Utah — The Nabo Kaneko family was forced to evacuate their home when the rampaging Spanish Fork river jumped its banks and flooded valuable farm lands on April 23.

The Kaneko home was completely surrounded by flood waters and neighbors evacuated the family with horse and wagons.

### MANZANAR CO-OP GIVES FUNDS TO JACL PROGRAM

LOS ANGELES — The Manzanar Cooperative Enterprise, Inc. this week presented the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee with a donation of \$749.65, the regional office announced.

"The Trustees of the Manzanar Coop felt that this money, part of the funds entrusted to us, could be well utilized by the JACL-ADC in advancing the interest and welfare of Issei and Nisei," said Joe Kishi, chairman of the Board of Trustees, in presenting the check to regional director Tats Kushida.

Other members of the Board of Trustees are M. Yashiki and H. Hori. The Coop's funds were deposited in the bank in Lone Pine, California.

### Four Nisei GIs Hurt in Action In Korean Zone

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Four Nisei casualties in the Korean area were reported during the past week, the Department of Defense notified the Washington Office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee.

All four were listed as wounded in action.

They are: Corporal Shigeo Ogawa, son of Mr. and Mrs. George I. Ogawa, 3726 Lee Street, Los Angeles, California;

Corporal Teruo Sakoda, son of Mrs. Kiyono Shigetomi, 243 Paseo, Los Aliso, Los Angeles, California;

Private First Class Takumi Kono, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hajime Kono, P. O. Box 229, Wai-pahu, Oahu, Hawaii; and

Private First Class Isamu Uehara, son of Jingiu Uehara, P. O. Box 220, Kailua, Oahu, Hawaii.

### Widow of Famed "Potato King" Dies In Santa Monica

SANTA MONICA, Calif.—Mrs. Shime Ushijima, 82, widow of the "Potato King" of World War I, Kinji Ushijima, Stockton, Calif. died here of illness on April 22.

Mrs. Ushijima, a resident of Stockton, was stricken while visiting a son in Santa Monica.

### JACL Official Hails Court Verdict in Land Law Case

LONG BEACH, Calif.—"This is the greatest court decision for Californians of Japanese ancestry in our time," said Frank Chuman, national JACL first vice president this week, in referring to the Fujii case decision handed down by the California Supreme Court.

Chuman briefly addressed the Issei recognition and chapter installation banquet held here at the Lafayette Hotel on April 19. He pointed to the California Alien Land Law as aimed primarily at Japanese in order to eliminate agricultural competition.

"This occasion of giving due recognition to our Issei pioneers may appropriately serve also to celebrate this historic decision," he added.

Eleven pioneer Issei residents over the age of 75 and six Issei community leaders were presented recognition scrolls by George Mio, retiring chapter president. Special tribute was paid to Mrs. Kisayo Urugami, gold star mother of the Korean war. Civic dignitaries among the sixty persons present, were John S. Gibson, L. A. City councilman and Max Levoni, Long Beach councilman.

### Proposal to Remove Race Bars From Nation's Immigration Laws Wins by Large Margin

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The House on April 25 passed the Walter omnibus immigration and naturalization bill by a standing vote of 206 to 68.

The measure, similar to the McCarran bill now pending in the Senate, would rewrite and recodify all immigration laws adopted piecemeal in the last 154 years and would impose new restrictions on allegedly subversive aliens. The Walter and McCarran measures also revise the immigration laws to drop all race bars to immigration and naturalization, making Asians eligible for U.S. citizenship.

Shortly before the House voted on the bill, its sponsor, Rep. Francis Walter, D., Pa., urged passage of the measure as one that will remove "the last vestige of racial discrimination" from immigration laws.

Opponents of the Walter bill, who contend that its provisions make the immigration laws more restrictive, were unable to muster enough votes to force a roll-call vote. Amendments proposed for the measure also were defeated and several other proposed amendments were withdrawn.

The key vote to recommit the measure to the House Judiciary Committee was defeated by a vote of 195 to 62.

Mike Masaoka, legislative director of JAC ADC, said he was "happy" over the House's vote and expressed hope the Senate would take similar action on the McCarran bill.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The House opened debate on April 23 on the Walter Omnibus Immigration and Naturalization bill which erases the race bar from the naturalization laws and extends immigration quotas to the now excluded Asian nations, the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee reported this week.

After listening to the first day's debate in the House on the Walter Omnibus Immigration and Naturalization bill, Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, expressed himself as being extremely pleased with the way in which discussions on the legislation were going in the House and said he was hopeful of House passage of the bill.

In introducing the omnibus legislation for House floor discussion, Rep. Francis E. Walter (Dem., Pa.), the author of the bill and the chairman of the House Judiciary subcommittee on immigration and naturalization, referred to the endorsement given the Walter Omnibus Bill by the JACL to refute the charges leveled by the opposition against the proposed measure.

Congressman Walter summarized the reforms which the Walter Omnibus Bill seeks to incorporate into the present immigration and naturalization laws. He pointed out the "crazy-quilt" condition of our immigration and naturalization statutes today, which the Walter bill brings into more manageable form through its codification.

Particularly, Walter mentioned the elimination of the discriminatory policy in immigration which has to date completely excluded

Japanese, Koreans and persons of Southeast Asia from our shores.

Del. Joseph R. Farrington (Rep., T.H.) rose to signify his wholehearted approval of the Walter Omnibus Immigration and Naturalization bill and urged the prompt enactment of the proposed legislation. Del. Farrington cited the wartime record of the Nisei in Hawaii and commented that the Japanese American soldiers had more than earned for their parents the rights of American citizenship.

The House debate on the Walter Omnibus Bill, which under the House rule had been allocated three hours for debate, ended after one and a half hours. The remainder of the time was spent in consideration of amendments to the omnibus legislation.

Leading the opposition, Congressman Emanuel Celler (Dem., N.Y.), chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, introduced three successive amendments in an effort to delete or revise sections which he described as "offensive and objectionable."

In his opening remarks Congressman Celler praised the fine work done by the House subcommittee on immigration and naturalization in preparing the Walter Omnibus bill and particularly commended the codification and the remedial revisions suggested by the omnibus legislation. However, he said, he hoped to improve the bill in certain specific instances.

The first amendment proposed by Congressman Celler was for the "pooling" of unused quotas. The amendment was defeated overwhelmingly.

The second amendment, which was of particular interest to persons of Japanese ancestry, introduced by Congressman Celler, proposed to eliminate the immigration formula of the "Asia-Pacific Triangle" from the Walter Omnibus bill.

Under the "Asia-Pacific Triangle" formula, persons of Asian ancestry are for purposes of immigration assigned to the quota of the land of their ancestry instead of their birthplace. The abolition of this formula would place persons of Japanese and other Asian ancestry in South America and Canada on a non-quota status. This amendment was defeated by a teller vote of 29 "ayes" and 102 "nays."

The last amendment introduced by Congressman Celler sought to remove the quota restrictions from the West Indies. The proposal was defeated by a voice vote.

## Discuss Possible Intervention By State Department on Problems of Japanese Group

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Whether the State Department might intervene with the new Japan in the interests of persons of Japanese ancestry residing in the United States was the topic of informal and exploratory discussions between officials of the State Department's Japan desk and Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC director, this week.

With the coming into force of the formal ratification of the Japanese Treaty of Peace on April 28, a new era in United States-Japan relations begins, Masaoka noted.

What role the JACL ADC should assume as an organization primarily interested in the rights of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States and what attitudes Americans of Japanese ancestry ought to take towards Japan as a sovereign government was discussed informally and unofficially.

"We are simply interested in canvassing with State Department officials their informal views as to JACL's responsibilities, as well as those of American citizens of Japanese ancestry, in this coming period of international relationships in order to gain guidance for possible policy discussions at the forthcoming National JACL Convention in San Francisco this June, when these questions undoubtedly will be brought up by the delegates," Masaoka explained.

Specific requests for State Department aid in securing better exchange rates for pre-war yen deposits in Japanese banks and the extension of the filing deadline for property vested by this government, particularly for Issei stranded in Japan during the war now returned to the United States, was asked by the JACL ADC.

In connection with yen bank deposits made in the Yokohama Specie Bank prior to World War II, Masaoka pointed out that the bank of Tokyo, its successor, has recently announced its willingness to redeem such deposits at the present exchange rate of 360 to one, instead of the five to one ratio at which they were deposited.

Regarding property vested by the Office of Alien Property, Masaoka said that since Japan is no longer an enemy nation all seized property belonging to resident Japanese nationals in this country ought to be returned immediately. "If it is necessary to extend the deadline for filing for the return

of such property, since many were either misinformed or uninformed, or were not in a position to file claims, the deadline should be extended," the JACL ADC director told the State Department.

Last week's decision of the California Supreme Court in invalidating its alien land law and its implications were also discussed.

Strong departmental support for the Omnibus Immigration and Naturalization legislation now pending in the Congress was requested by the JACL ADC official. He pointed out that "the State Department, more than any other executive agency, ought to be concerned with the possible implications of congressional or presidential rejection of the Omnibus Bill, for to the people in Japan any such rejection this year will simply be another reaffirmation of the 1924 humiliation and indignity."

"Regardless of the political reasoning and maneuvering, which the Japanese people five thousand miles away cannot understand, defeat of the Omnibus Bill can only mean to the Japanese people that while the United States is willing and eager to welcome Japan as a nation to share in the world-wide fight against communism, we are not yet willing to recognize and welcome her individual nationals as worthy partners in the struggle for human dignity," Masaoka stated.

"At a momentous time in history, we ought to accompany recognition of Japan as a free nation with recognition of her people as worthy individuals," Masaoka said. "At the present time, we discriminate not only between the Japanese and others from Europe, Africa, and Latin America but also between other Asians from China and India. Now is the appropriate moment to remove such racial exclusions from all Orientals," Masaoka said.

## Convention Officials Discuss Plans for "Homecoming" Meet



SAN FRANCISCO—Four of the five associate chairmen of the National JACL convention board meet to plan activities for the June national convention in San Francisco.

All longtime and active members of the JACL, they are (left to right) Giichi Yoshioka, Mrs. Teiko Kuroiwa, Susumu Togasaki and Dr. Carl Hirota. Not pictured is the fifth associate, William Enomoto.

Yoshioka, in addition to his JACL work, is an active member of the Optimist Club, the P-TA, Civic Improvement Club, the Oakland Buddhist Church, the Oakland Area Council of Boy Scouts and a number of florists' organizations. He is currently serving as first vice-president of the Northern California-Western Nevada district council and a board member of the Cal-Neva JACL credit union.

Mrs. Kuroiwa set up the Salt Lake headquarters of the JACL in 1942 after evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the west coast. She served as temporary national secretary upon the induction of Mike Masaoka into the armed forces.

In 1945 she returned to San Francisco to open the JACL's regional office in that city. She was instrumental in reactivating the San Francisco and other Bay Area chapters.

Togasaki, one of the founders of the JACL, was the first constitutionally-elected national treasurer of the organization and served in that post for three successive terms, 1932-38. He is also active in church and civic organizations.

Dr. Hirota, San Francisco dentist, is a former president of the San Francisco JACL and 1939 chairman of the Northern California-Western Nevada district council. He served in the Army in World War II.

In 1950 he served on the Mayor's Human Relations Committee and is currently active in the movement to restore the name "Japanese Tea Garden" to the Oriental garden in Golden Gate Park.

William Enomoto, a member of the San Mateo County JACL, is a flower grower in Redwood City. He has been active with the Northern California Florist Association, the Redwood City Council for Civic Unity and the California Council for Civic Duty.

—Photo by George Tanaka.

## Nisei Heads Veterans Post In Hood River

HOOD RIVER, Ore.—A Nisei veteran of the famous 442nd Central Postal Directory Battalion was installed as commander of Hood River post 147 Veterans of Foreign Wars, on April 21.

Show Endow, Jr., Odell, is the first Nisei in the state of Oregon to become a VFW commander, according to Ed Mattheu, past commander of the Dalles post, who conducted the installation.

Commander Endow, who is married and has a family, is a flower grower near Odell. He enlisted in the Army in 1941 and served overseas in the Asiatic-Pacific theater in Alaska and with the 442nd Central Postal Directory in Italy and France. He was wounded and received the Purple Heart.

## California School Picks Nisei as Girls State Delegate

SAN PEDRO, Calif.—Mitsuko Kato will represent San Pedro High School at the California Girls State in Sacramento from June 1 to 26.

The honor at San Pedro goes to the top-ranking junior student.

Her trip to Sacramento will be sponsored by the San Pedro American Legion Auxiliary.

(Two other Nisei also have been chosen as delegates to the California Girls State. They are Kikuko Kawasaki of Visalia and Hideko Masumura of Rosemead High in Los Angeles.)

## Nisei Named to Iowa Pastorate

DENVER — The Rev. Tom Tom Fukuyama, director of Brotherhood House, will leave Denver May 15 to take over the pastorate of the Congregational Church of McGregor, Ia.

The Iowa church, by unanimous vote of the congregation, extended its invitation to Rev. Fukuyama. He is the first Nisei to have presided in McGregor.

He will assume pastorate of a new church, which is now being built, on Sunday, May 18.

During the past six years Rev. Fukuyama directed Brotherhood House, a fellowship center. It was originally a hotel for Nisei evacuees relocating in Denver.

The Nisei pastor formerly lived in Seattle. From 1942 till 1945 he was co-pastor of the Nisei Federated Christian Church at the Madoka WRA center in Hunt, Ia.

## Nisei Attends Signal Corps Meet

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—William Kashiwagi, liaison representative for the Sacramento Signal Depot, returned here recently from Philadelphia after a two-week Signal Corps conference held at the Signal Corps Supply Agency.

Representatives from depots at Lexington, Baltimore, Decatur, Atlanta, San Antonio and Washington, D.C., attended the conference.

First Nisei liaison representative from the Sacramento depot, Kashiwagi is supply supervisor in the stock control division.

## Boise Valley Plans Annual June Affair

HOMEDALE, Ida.—The Boise Valley JACL's annual June Affair, a quiet honoring high school and college graduates will be held at the Golden Pheasant, it was decided at a chapter meeting on April 21.

Social Chairman Lois Itano will be in charge.

## Three Return Home

SAN FRANCISCO — Three Southern California Nisei returned among 4587 Army and Air Force rotation troops who returned April 21 from Korea.

They were Sgt. Samuel Matsumoto and Cpl. Hiroshi Meifu, Los Angeles, and Sgt. I. S. Nakagawa, Long Beach.



CLEVELAND, O.—More than 30 Girl Scouts from Berea, O., can now qualify as experts in the intricate art of the Japanese "ondo" (folk dance) as a result of instructions which they received from five Cleveland girls of the JACL's public relations committee.

After being taught the difficult steps and rhythm of the traditional Japanese dance, the scouts performed flawlessly before a capacity audience in the Berea High School auditorium. The "ondo" performance was a part of the annual Girl Scout jamboree in which more than 500 scouts from the Berea area participated.

Those who helped instruct the girls were Sakae Yoshimura, Mrs. Onishi, Dorothy Fujihara, Lillian Fujihara and Mickey Fujimoto.

In the above photo, (l. to r.) Mrs. Onishi and Misses Lillian and Dorothy Fujihara and Miss Yoshimura are preparing two pupils for their dance.—Photo by Bill Sadatani.

## California Agency Restores, Denies Liquor Sales Permits

SACRAMENTO — The State Board of Equalization, in two separate actions, last week restored two liquor licenses to a San Diego Nisei and formally turned down the request of another Nisei applicant for reinstatement of a liquor sales license which was suspended on racial grounds in May, 1942.

The board voted to restore two licenses which were held by Alfred Y. Obayashi of San Diego at the time of his evacuation from the city in 1942.

The state agency turned down Toshikuni Taenaka's request for restoration of a liquor sales permit for his store in Watts, a suburb of Los Angeles, which he owned and operated since before the war. Noting it has received a protest against reissuance of the license to Taenaka, the board added that the applicant could have the permit if he moved to a "more suitable" location.

The board originally issued a license to Taenaka but withdrew it after it received several protests from residents of the area. Since then all but one of the protests has been withdrawn.

Evidence introduced at the hearing on April 17 showed civic organizations, church groups and many individual residents were on record in favor of reissuing the license to Taenaka who served in the U. S. Army from 1942 to 1948.

Taenaka's attorney told the board his client, during the period in which a license was issued to him and then withdrawn, had invested more than \$7500 in a liquor department for his grocery store.

Board member William G. Bonelli of Los Angeles declared "very considerable pressure" had been ex-

erted to make people in the area withdraw their protests.

Bonelli also said racial questions were involved.

"I don't want to get mixed up in an interracial squabble and I am convinced that is involved," he said.

Liquor sales licenses of more than 100 businessmen of Japanese ancestry in California were suspended in May, 1942 by action of the State Board of Equalization. In 1951 the State Legislature passed a measure calling for the restoration of the licenses.

## Dayton JACL Holds Welcoming Party

DAYTON, O.—New members of the Dayton JACL were honored at a "get-acquainted" party on March 23 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. James Taguchi.

Guests included eleven University of Dayton students from Hawaii, Dr. M. Nakauchi, Mrs. Hideko Doss, Mrs. Seiko Dugdale and Mrs. Kikuko Shingledecker.

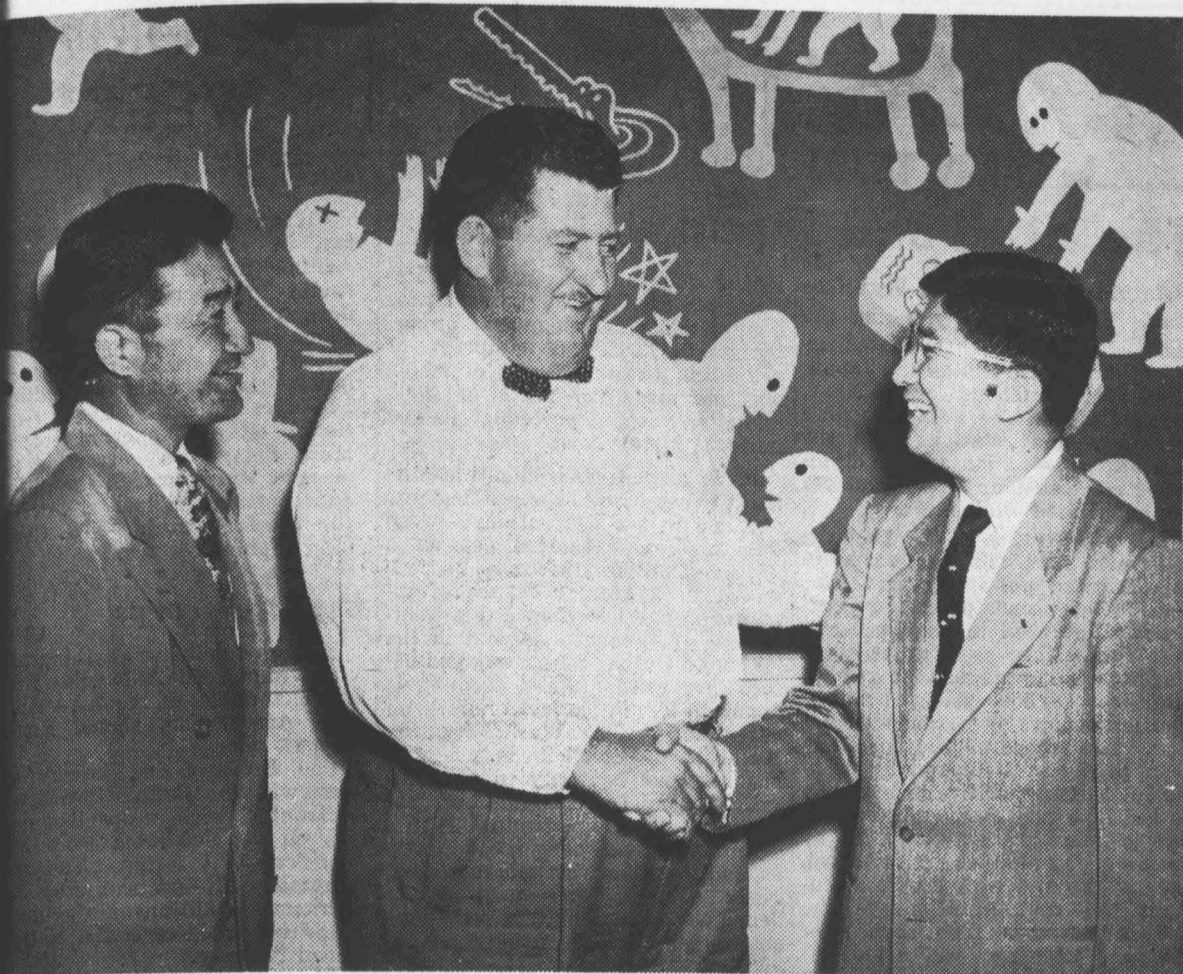
Mrs. Matilda Taguchi, refreshments chairman, and Mrs. Lois Taguchi, co-chairman, served delicious Japanese foods.

## Fowler Chapter Holds Meeting

FWOLVER, Calif.—An organizational meeting of the JACL's newest chapter, Fowler, was held at the community hall on April 25.

The Fowler JACL is the 83rd chapter in the JACL organization. It is a member of the Central California District Council.

# Convention Time Is Drawing Near, San Francisco, June 26-30, 1953



PHOENIX, Ariz.—Former 442nd RCT battle comrades, Bill Kajikawa, Arizona State baseball and basketball coach, and Mike Masaoka, right, ADC director, met Bert Fireman, columnist for the Phoenix Daily Gazette at a Press Club luncheon on April 15. Masaoka urged support from the press and radio in seeking immediate scheduling of the McCarran Omnibus immigration measure by Senate Majority Leader Ernest W. McFarland (D., Ariz.). Background mural is by Pulitzer prize winner, Reg Manning, cartoonist for the Phoenix Daily Republic.—Photo by Byron Shaw.

# Two Western Senators Obtain Passage of \$9 Million Fund For Evacuee Claims Payments

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Japanese American wartime evacuees who receive government checks for payment of compromised evacuation loss claims before the end of the current fiscal year on June 30 can thank the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee and two leading Western Democratic senators for the restoration of a \$9,000,000 appropriation for claims payments by the Senate last week.

The senators are Warren G. Magnuson, D., Wash., and Carl Hayden, D., Ariz. Magnuson led the fight on the Senate floor on April 17 to restore the \$9,000,000 for compromised evacuation claims. Previously, the Senate Appropriations Committee, without warning, had slashed in its entirety the \$14,800,000 requested by the Justice Department in the supplemental deficiency appropriations bill. During deliberations of the Appropriations Committee, Sen. Homer Ferguson, Michigan Republican, had asked the committee to delete the \$14,800,000 request, earmarked for evacuation claims payments, from the supplemental appropriations bill and to consider it when the regular Justice Department budget for 1953 came up for review. The Appropriations Committee then cut out the entire appropriation.

the sudden turn of events in the Senate Appropriations Committee but stopped off in Arizona on his way back to Washington to activate constituents of Sen. Hayden into urging the Arizona solon to work actively toward restoring the \$14,800,000 appropriation.

Sen. Hayden teamed with Sen. Magnuson to defeat the Senate Appropriation Committee's amendment which would have completely excluded funds for payment of compromised evacuation claims of Japanese Americans from the present supplemental appropriations bill.

Masaoka pointed out that Sen. Hayden, in his capacity as acting chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, could have easily killed the move to restore the funds by interposing an objection on behalf of the full Senate Appropriations Committee which had formally deleted the evacuee claims fund from the bill.

"It was rather a curious situation of the acting chairman of a committee refusing to support on the floor action taken by the full committee," said Masaoka.

"Without Sen. Hayden's sympathetic interest and help, our effort to restore the compromise funds would have been foredoomed to failure," Masaoka added.

Masaoka also indicated that the only amendment to be rejected by the Senate, among the number proposed by the appropriations group, was the one advocating the deletion of the \$14,800,000 for evacuation claims.

"In general," Masaoka noted, "the amendments suggested by the committee are passed without question. However, because of the leadership given by Senators Hayden and Magnuson, we were able to defeat in this instance an amendment whose passage would have meant a real economic hardship to some of the earlier claimants."

Early in the debate, in clarifying a point made by Sen. Hayden, Sen. Magnuson referred to a letter written by Masaoka to all senators which described briefly the compromise settlement program and urging that payment of claims be not delayed.

"It would seem cruel justice," Masaoka declared in the letter quoted by Sen. Magnuson, "to these people who have agreed to take a 25 per cent reduction of their claims, to withhold any longer the money already awarded them by the government."

Under Sen. Magnuson's leadership the Senate also agreed to the stipulation that at a conference between the House and Senate members of the appropriations committees this \$9,000,000 figure would be revised upward to cover all claims compromised and settled by the Department of Justice.

Sen. Ferguson carried the brunt (Continued on page 4)

The committee's action, denying funds to the Justice Department, meant that the entire evacuation claims program would have come to a complete standstill.

Together with Sen. Hayden, Sen. Magnuson salvaged the apparently-jettisoned program by securing Senate approval of \$9,000,000 to pay the backlog of compromised and settled claims.

The opposition to this move, led by Sen. Ferguson and Sen. Leverett Saltonstall, R., Mass., stubbornly insisted that a principle was at stake and that appropriations of the nature asked by the Justice Department must not be included in supplemental appropriations measures.

Earlier in the week, Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, cancelled his tour of the West Coast on learning of

## Canada Considers New Policy on Stranded Group

TORONTO, Ont.—The Dominion government is now studying an immigration policy relating to the requests from Japanese Canadians stranded during World War II in Japan to return to Canada, George Tanaka, national executive secretary of the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association was informed this week by Walter E. Harris, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

Harris reported that two cases of Japanese Canadians who were forced to serve in the Japanese armed forces and who are at present barred from returning to Canada will be reviewed following the clarification of government policy on the entry into the country of Japanese nationals.

## Fire Razes Camp

PARLIER, Calif. — The Kofu labor camp, housing farm workers of Japanese ancestry, was destroyed by fire on April 19. There were no casualties.

# Arizona Newspaper Urges Vote On Naturalization Measure

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Senate Majority Leader Ernest McFarland (D., Ariz.) was urged to get the McCarran Omnibus bill on the Senate floor for debate and vote in an editorial in the Arizona Republic on April 18.

Sen. McFarland would be doing the "fair thing" if he, by his vote, brought the measure onto the floor, the Republic said.

The Arizona newspaper said that the bill's principal and "perhaps most important" benefit would be to wipe out existing racial bars to the admission and naturalization of Japanese, Koreans, Burmese, Siamese and other southeastern Asians.

"The Orientals mentioned would be admitted to the United States, like Europeans, on a quota basis and fewer than 500 such additional immigrants could enter annually," the Republic pointed out. "Those

principally made eligible for naturalization would be about 85,000 elderly Japanese, the parents of the Nisei who fought for Uncle Sam in World War II, who have lived in this country for 30 to 40 years. As long as these discriminations exist against Asiatics, they can form the basis of dangerous communistic propaganda. . . .

"Speaker Rayburn has promised that the bill would be voted on in the House soon. Senator McFarland of Arizona, as chairman of the Democratic Policy Committee, could by his vote bring this bill out on the floor of the Senate for debate and vote. He would be doing the fair thing if he did so."

Columnist Bert Fireman of the Phoenix Gazette said in his column of April 17 that the Japanese American Creed, written by Mike Masaoka, ADC director, was an exemplary creed for all Americans, regardless of their ancestry.

# Seek Names of Eligible Issei For JACL's Pioneer Night

## Rotary Elects Nisei Official

BLANCA, Colo.—Francis Wakasugi, secretary-treasurer of the Castilla County Rotary Club for the past year, was elected recently to the vice-presidency.

Four other Nisei, George Hishinuma, Charley Hayashida, Joe Uyemura and Frank Uyemura, received and accepted bids to join the group as of April 1.

## California Nisei Wins Silver Star

LOS ANGELES — Sgt. Frank Matsushima of Los Angeles recently was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action in Korea, according to reports received here.

The presentation to the Nisei sergeant was made by Maj. Gen. James C. Styron, commander of the 45th (Thunderbird) Division in Korea.

Sgt. Matsushima received two decorations for heroism in action in the first four months he served in Korea. Besides the Silver Star, he holds the Bronze Star.

SAN FRANCISCO—Friends and relatives of pioneer Issei, as well as all JACL chapters in the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council, are being urged to send in names of eligible Issei for recognition during the "Pioneer Night" program of the 12th Biennial National JACL Convention here in June. Takeo Okamoto, chairman for the event, issued a reminder this week that the deadline for the submission of names is April 30.

Each of the NC-WN DC Chapters has been asked to conduct a survey in their area, and compile a list of those Issei who are 70 years of age or over, those who came to the United States prior to 1905, and those who came to this country prior to 1910.

Many popular entertainers are being contacted to take part in the evening program, according to Okamoto, and in the event that the naturalization bill is passed, the "Pioneer Night" program will become the occasion for a huge "Victory banquet."

Working with Okamoto on the program, which is scheduled for June 28 from 6 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Temple, are the following: Kay Kowada, banquet; Yoshitomi Fukushima, George Hayashi, Hisao Hoshino, George Hirano and John Kono.

## Hurt in Car Crash

STOCKTON, Calif.—Henry Sakakura, 22, of Linden was seriously injured on April 22 in an auto accident near his home.

Doctors at St. Joseph's hospital where he was transferred after emergency treatment said Sakakura's condition was serious but he was expected to recover.

## Letter Carriers Ask Seniority for Nisei Employees

SAN FRANCISCO — The state convention of the Letter Carriers Mutual Aid association is actively supporting a bill to restore seniority rights lost by Nisei postal workers as a result of wartime evacuation, Todd Kamiya, a delegate from the San Francisco branch of the postal workers group, declared this week after returning from the organization's California convention in Bakersfield.

Kamiya noted that the legislation on behalf of the Nisei postal workers originally was introduced in Congress at the request of the JACL ADC and now has been broadened to include all pre-war Nisei federal workers who were evacuated.

# Kawakita May Be Moved from L.A. City Jail

LOS ANGELES—Tomoya Kawakita, 31, convicted of wartime treason for brutality to Allied prisoners of war in Japan and sentenced to death in California's gas chamber, has been threatened by war veterans in the Los Angeles county jail where he has been kept since his arrest in 1947, it was reported this week.

Federal authorities this week considered steps to move Kawakita, a native of Calexico, Calif., to either the Orange or county jail.

A petition filed by Assistant U.S. Attorney Arline Martin implied that some of the other prisoners in the Los Angeles jail have threatened to beat Kawakita.

Attorneys for Kawakita recently argued before the U.S. Supreme Court, asking consideration of an appeal of the defendant's Federal District Court conviction.

Sheriff Eugene W. Biscailuz commented Kawakita's long incarceration in the Los Angeles jail had forced the guards to "keep an extra watch" on him when war veterans were confined in the same jail.

Biscailuz added county cells were overcrowded and there is no provision for physical exercise and the prisoner's health was being impaired.

# Senate Passes Bills Admitting Individual Japanese Aliens

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Senate passed 11 private bills for the relief of persons of Japanese ancestry, the Washington Office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee reported on April 22.

With the Senate passage, ten of the private bills, which had previously been passed by the House, now go before the President for his signature.

Included in the ten private bills awaiting the President's signature are the following: Rep. Leroy Johnson (Rep., Calif.) introduced the bill to admit Mrs. Michi Masaoka for permanent residence.

Rep. Paul W. Safe (Rep., Mich.) was the author of the bill permitting the admission of Isao Ishimoto for adoption by Sgt. and Mrs. William H. Yoder of Ionia, Michigan.

Rep. Lloyd M. Bentsen, Jr. (Dem., Tex.) sponsored the bill to admit Rumi Takemura for adoption by Sgt. and Mrs. Juan M. Valdez of Edinburg, Texas.

Del. Joseph R. Farrington (Rep., Md.) introduced three bills promoting the admission of minor Japanese children for permanent residence, in the custody of

their parents. The bills are for Hideo Ishida, the alien child of Kimie Ishida, Kazuyoshi and Yasuyoshi and Yasuhiko Hino, the minor alien children of Mrs. Komao Hino, and Hisamitsu Kodani, the son of Reio and Kimiko Kodani.

Rep. Clark W. Thompson (Dem., Tex.) sponsored the bill to allow entry of Joseph Yukio for adoption by Tech. Sgt., and Mrs. Eugene Sanders.

Rep. Paul J. Kilday (Dem., Tex.) introduced the bill to admit Kazumi Yamashita for adoption by Tech. Sgt. and Mrs. Edward W. Gentry.

Rep. A. L. Miller (Rep., Neb.) was the author of the bill to admit for permanent residence Nagakubo (also known as Roy Mervin Nelson), the minor child of Roy Mervin Nelson.

Rep. Chester B. McMullen (Dem., Fla.) sponsored the bill to admit for permanent residence Mrs. Eijima Phillips, the Japanese wife of Roscoe H. Phillips.

Sen. Blair Moody (Dem., Mich.) introduced the one bill originating in the Senate to admit Midori Sugimoto for adoption by Lt. and Mrs. Thomas A. Malim of Everat, Michigan. This bill still requires House passage.

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## EDITORIALS:

### Hood River Can Be Proud

An Oregon town which once symbolized anti-Nisei intolerance today comes close to being an example of an American town practicing the best precepts of racial democracy.

That town is Hood River, which during World II brought notoriety upon itself by removing the names of American servicemen of Japanese ancestry from its town honor roll. The insult to American soldiers became a national incident. Among the loudest protests were those of GIs serving in foreign theaters of war.

Last week Hood River's Veterans of Foreign Wars installed a Nisei, Show Endow, Jr., as its new commander. This significant event however, was only the most recent in a long chain of events which have, since the end of the war, done much to overcome the bitterness engendered by Hood River's hasty wartime action. In recent years the Nisei have become integrated in the social, civic and economic life of the community to an extent never seen in prewar years. Endow's election to post of VFW commander is a symbol of that integration.

The victory is not alone that of the Nisei's.

The Town of Hood River can be proud that it was ready to admit a wrong, prepared to wipe out the memory of that wrong in the best way it could—by receiving its returning Nisei and Issei as worthy and equal citizens.

### From the San Francisco Chronicle: Punch Gone from Alien Land Law

In voiding the Alien Land Law, the State Supreme Court probably beat both the United States Supreme Court and Congress to the punch. The law was on its last legs and deserved the coup de grace it has received.

In its last decision on a California Alien Land Law case in 1948, the U. S. Supreme Court had given indications that when the full issue was next presented, it might hold the law unconstitutional. The State Supreme Court, taking note of this prospect, held that the law violated the due process and equal protection clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment.

As for Congress, it has reversed the policy of excisionism on which the Alien Land Law rested, and has gradually cut the ground from under it. The law forbade persons "ineligible to U. S. citizenship" to own or acquire land. When passed in 1920, this meant all Orientals. As the bars against Oriental immigration and citizenship have been lifted, the exclusionist policy of the land law has come more and more into question. We feel that it was an obstacle in the way of the true policy which America must adopt in order to keep faith with Asia and gain friends there—namely, a policy of nonexclusivity, of understanding and democratic co-operation.

So we are glad to see the Alien Land Law dispatched by whatever means. One aspect of the Supreme Court's decision that is of particular interest is, of course, the ruling that the United Nations Charter does not affect the law's validity.

The U. N. Charter had been dragged into this controversy by the District Court of Appeals. That court had held the Alien Land Law void because its provisions were "untenable and indefensible" in the face of the Charter's guarantees of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. Since the Charter is a treaty and a treaty is the "supreme law of the land," the court reasoned, the Alien Land Law cannot stand up against the Charter.

When handed down two years ago this decision created a stir in Congress. Many people not in favor of the United Nations or of international action demanded that the United States get out of the U. N. before the Charter was used to upset any other state laws.

The novel concept was met head on by the State Supreme Court: it ruled that the U. N. Charter's provision having to do with rights and freedoms were not intended by its framers to supersede existing domestic legislation. This seems to us the sound view, and it is noteworthy that it was shared by all seven Justices unanimously though they had split, 4-3, on the question of ruling the Alien Land Law unconstitutional.

The question of the Charter's effect on a State law having been raised, however, it should be pursued to the highest tribunal. In the interest of getting a final adjudication of so important a point, the State Attorney General, as the loser on the Alien Land Law decision in our own court, should appeal his case to the United States Supreme Court.

# Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

## The Nisei and Japan

Ratification of the San Francisco Peace Treaty, formally ending the state of war which has existed between the United States and Japan, poses some problems for the Nisei, particularly in the area of group and individual relations with the new Japanese nation and its diplomatic and consular representatives in the United States.

The vicissitudes of the past decade have made the Nisei far more sophisticated politically than they were in the decade preceding Pearl Harbor but even in that pre-war period the Nisei as a group were able to avoid entanglement in what later was to be considered activities inimical to the American nation. The record of the Nisei has been pretty well scoured by probers for such legislative hatchetmen as the Dies and Tenney investigating committees, as well as by agents of far more objective bodies, and nothing was turned up to document the wild headlines in the yellow journals. The stories of potential sabotage and espionage have been proved by this time to be the febrile imaginings of journalistic trained seals, penned in the name of the Yellow Peril.

The Nisei as a group have been fortunate in their leadership. For example, the JAACL, the largest and most representative of Japanese American organizations, studiously avoided involvement in the attempts of advance agents of Japanese militarism who sought to justify their aggressive imperialism. The policy of the JAACL was that its concern was primarily that of combatting discrimination and of extending the frontiers of democracy at home for its Nisei membership. This policy, carried out by such pre-war presidents as Saburo Kido, Walter Tsukamoto, Dr. T. T. Yatabe and James Sakamoto, is still valid today, even though the Japanese nation no longer is dominated by a clique of sabre-rattling megalomaniacs.

More perhaps than any other single racial group in the United States, the life of the Nisei has been shaped by international affairs. The development of a militaristic Japan, threatening the

status quo in Asia and the Pacific, was used by West Coast race supremacists and economic opportunists to justify a campaign of prejudice, the end result of which was the mass evacuation of 1942, an action without precedent in our national history.

It is somewhat ironic that the mass evacuation, representing the extreme in racist treatment—even though it was carried out as a means of military security, has resulted in a greater degree of integration and acceptance than Americans of Japanese descent in the mainland United States enjoyed before they were ordered from their homes to live in barracks homes on desert land. The War Relocation Authority's resettlement program has resulted not only in a wider geographical distribution of the Japanese American group, but in a diversity of occupational activity. In addition, the wartime record of Nisei soldiers was such as to demolish the race-baiters and prove counterfeited the charges of actual and potential disloyalty which were the racist's stock in trade. Although the subject of loyalty is one of considerable pertinence politically, the Nisei no longer are the immediate scapegoats.

Until the Nisei attain fuller acceptance and more complete integration a policy of non-involvement makes good sense. Such an attitude would not encompass the isolationism of the ostrich, since insularity is a dream of the remembered past. It does mean the Nisei would avoid being utilized by those, well-meaning or not, who seek to influence American policy toward Japan or Japanese policy toward the United States.

A policy of political non-involvement also is not intended as a repudiation of ancestral culture or heritage. The cultural arts of Japan, together with industrial and agricultural skills and techniques, the colorful kimonos and folk dances, are the legacy of the immigrant Japanese generation and are very much a part of American democracy which, after all, is an amalgam of a nation of immigrants.

## Senators Magnuson, Hayden Win Claims Fund Restoration

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of the battle to delete totally the funds for payment of evacuation claims from the supplemental bill, arguing there are only 2½ months until the regular appropriations measure will go into effect and the subcommittee which handles the regular Justice Department appropriations would like to look further into the matter.

Sen. Saltonstall stressed that he agreed with his Michigan colleague and declared a "question of principle is involved." He said that funds for a compromise program are "a proper item for the 1953 budget."

Citing figures on the evacuation claims program, Sen. Saltonstall said: "There are 23,725 claims pending and 17,824 of these will probably be compromised. That is not definitely known yet. It seems to me, as the senator from Michigan has said, that with two and a half months remaining, opportunity would be afforded to obtain more definite knowledge."

"No one would be hurt," Sen. Saltonstall concluded. "This is not a proper item to be placed in a supplemental bill."

Sen. Magnuson countered by saying that the claims should be paid as quickly as possible.

"So far as the Department of Justice is concerned," he declared, "They have now adjudicated all the claims they feel will be adjudicated. Although there are other applicants I think money ought to be made available as quickly as possible so that those whose claims have been completely adjudicated may be paid."

"It is known that in many cases," he emphasized, "the claimants have been waiting months because no funds were available. The House figure was \$14,800,000. I do not know whether that is the exact amount."

Sen. Ferguson broke in to note

that the compromise figure was \$8,957,000, which is the amount of adjudicated claims actually ready for payment at the time of the hearings.

Then Sen. Magnuson made his suggestion which resulted in eventual Senate approval of \$9,000,000 for payment of evacuation claims which have been compromised and settled.

"I should like to make a suggestion which may solve the matter," the senator from Washington said, "and which would do no injustice to some who may be interested. Let us insert the figure of \$9,000,000 in lieu of the House figure of \$14,800,000. It will then go to conference, the amount can there be adjusted and some of the claims can be paid. It would do no injustice to others who could be taken care of through the regular appropriations bill."

Passage of Sen. Magnuson's amendment insured payment of at least \$9,000,000 for evacuation claims settled under the compromise formula before the end of the current fiscal year on June 30.

In his closing remarks, Senator Magnuson extolled the cooperation given by the Japanese Americans to the evacuation claims program and declared, regarding evacuation claims payment, that "although we are not doing full justice, I think they are at least more than entitled to what they are to receive under this bill."

Remarking that "the people interested in these claims are to be complimented on the fact that they in every case—and they are all good, loyal American citizens," Senator Magnuson declared that the Japanese Americans "have sustained much greater damages than the amount of the compromises made in connection with their claims. They are to be complimented upon their cooperation in trying to get this matter settled."

## MINORITY WEEK

### Quickie

"If all the people in our country, in whatever region, could realize the extent to which racial problems in America figures in international discussions, I am sure they would discover no means for working out a quick, just and enduring solution. . . . The urgency of the international situation permits of no more delays, so narrow is the margin which marks the difference between victory and defeat for the free world."—Dr. Channing Tobias.

### Esprit de corps

If team spirit has anything to do with winning, the Milwaukee Brewers, champions of the AAA American Association, should have a pennant year.

The Brewers, in Florida for a game with the Buffalo Bisons, were confronted with a "whites only" sign on the club room door. More specifically, it meant that their teammate, Negro shortstop Jim Clarkson, would have to go across the street to dress in the National Guard Armory.

The entire Brewer squad trooped to the Armory with Clarkson and suited up with him.

### Program

A plan to help the Sioux Indians in Rapid City, South Dakota, become better integrated into the city is being put into action by the American Friends Service Committee.

The Quakers will provide a permanent staff to help the community as well as the Indian group carry forward the process of integration; will institute a number of projects such as work camps to broaden the experiences and attitudes of the Indians; and will provide a trained sociological observer to watch the over-all project.

### Tainted Money

A college dean in Georgia this week gave up his job rather than be part of a school accepting money from a man of professed anti-Semitic and anti-Negro beliefs.

Dr. A. R. Van Cleave, dean of Piedmont College in Northeast Georgia, was protesting the acceptance of funds from the Texas Education Association, which was set up and financed by George Armstrong, cattle and oil magnate. Armstrong precipitated another row three years ago when he offered a \$50,000,000 endowment to Jefferson Military College on the proviso that it limit its enrollment to "white Christians." The school turned him down.

In announcing his resignation, Dr. Van Cleave said he feared Communism as much as Communism.

### Quote

"This is a time when, more than ever, we should all look within and, having looked, tear out any prejudice any of us might have toward any religion and group. Hate of any individual because of his religion should be anathema to all Americans. A man with hate in his heart for his brother is a man who fails God and America."—Roger W. Straus, co-chairman, National Conference of Christians and Jews.

### The Trial

Four people who stood up for democracy were put on trial by the low members of their Improvement Association last week. They lost their case.

Roy Tibbets, Rose Scott, William P. Carpenter, Jr., and Walter Weyman were directors of the association in Rollingwood, a community near San Pablo, Calif. Recently a Negro family moved into the Rollingwood district. The Improvement Association offered to purchase the house from the Negroes.

When the family refused, the four directors named above signed a letter welcoming the Negroes. They said the Negro family's right to stay in Rollingwood had to be defended.

The Improvement Association then took up the matter of its recalcitrant directors. They were asked to resign. When they refused, the association voted to oust them.

# Nisei Soprano Signed for Role By New York Metropolitan



**TOMI KANAZAWA**

NEW YORK—Fresh from a successful tour of the Scandinavian countries, Tomi Kanazawa, California-born soprano, will make her first appearance with the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York when she sings the lead role in Puccini's "Madame Butterfly" on May 18 in Minneapolis.

Miss Kanazawa will take over the role which has been sung at the Metropolitan by Licia Albanese and Dorothy Kirsten.

It is reported Miss Kanazawa's success in the Minneapolis performance may determine whether she will receive a contract with the company next year.

She is the first singer of Japanese ancestry to appear with the Metropolitan Opera.

During 1951 she sang the role of Cho-Cho-San with the Pacific Opera Company of San Francisco in appearances in Seattle, Portland and the San Francisco area and appeared with the Stockholm Royal Opera last fall. She also appeared in a series of concerts in Sweden and Norway and toured Alaska in November.

Her husband, Leo Mueller, was the conductor for the Metropolitan Opera's "Die Fledermaus" company which toured the nation last year.

The Nisei soprano who lived in Los Angeles before World War II is the first singer to take the role of "Madame Butterfly" in a television production of the opera, appearing with the NBC Opera Theater in 1950. She also appeared recently on TV and radio in the Metropolitan Opera Auditions over the ABC network.

## Smog-Lites:

### Our Son Goes to a Party

By MARY OYAMA

Los Angeles.

#### MISS FUERTE'S DEBUT (OR TEEN-AGE PARTY)

"The World do move" — we mused, glancing over the bid from the girls' club. Theme: "Stardust," dance at the home of Miss Virginia Fuerte, semi-formal sports, RSVP, etc. This was party No. 3 for the son of the house and he was so agog over it that he could hardly concentrate on anything 24 hours before the event.

How many kids coming, we inquired cautiously. Forty!?! (Ye gads, even 20 young guests would have been enough). And are you sure, quizzed Dad, that you really want CONFETTI? "Terrible stuff to clean up afterwards—don't say I didn't warn you!"

Yes, they wanted confetti, serpentine, balloons, bon-bons, paper hats, noise-makers, colored streamers—"the whole works"—as Rick had promised the girls that he could get everything wholesale price from his Dad. On Thursday evening the teenagers decorated the young hostesses' house, on Friday the party bloomed forth promptly at 7:30 with music pouring from a borrowed record-player with amplifier. The hostesses' father Frank was busily engaged as chauffeur for the young lady guests.

About 10:30 we went to Miss Fuerte's for a look. And what a revelation—Tall teenagers all over the place. Both boys and girls towered over us, so that we found ourselves gazing upward at them, while they gazed down at us; mak-

ing us feel rather foolish if not downright sheepish for being a five-footer. Discreetly we retired to the dining-nook, joining the other oldsters: Frank, his wife Mary (Virginia's pretty mother), "Nana" the grandmother, Bea the older sister.

We confessed surprise at the adult-standard merry-making of the kids, "Quite, QUITE sophisticated party for the kids, what?" And we gazed on in wonder at the impressive sight.

Though all of the boys were 13-14-15 years of age, some had the poise and aplomb of old veterans of the dance. Such smoothies, we remarked, real cool stuff. Hostess Virgie and her Nisei chum Madeleine were experts at the jitterbug type of dancing (whatever it's called these days, being of the old generation, we would not know the similarities or difference between jive and hep-cat stuff). Then there were beginners like our Rick who spent the time horsing around or eating, when not being pulled out self-consciously on the floor by the more aggressive girls.

How cute all the kids are, the two mothers sighed sentimentally, as we watched their animated young faces. And looky, whispered Mary, this boy with the white shirt and the gold cuff-links mind you—such class. Soon we were approached by a very extroverted blondish youth who insisted that we preside as judges for the dance contest, although we knew nothing newer than the Big Apple of two decades ago.

"So far they're acting okay,"

## Susan Studies the Piano

Denver, Colo.

For about eight months now, our eight-year-old Susan has been studying piano. She went through the various stages. First, there was anticipation, followed by the thrill of actually playing a simple tune. Then came disinterest. She wept before she would practice. She hated piano. Later came apprehension. How could she ever, ever learn to play those difficult pieces in the back of the book?

Somehow the difficulties ironed themselves out. She made good progress, got over her psychological hurdles, even played for the fun of it, practiced without being told. Last week Susan had her first recital, along with a score or more boys and girls of various sizes, shapes and musical skills.

The recital was held on a Sunday afternoon in a small auditorium well filled with proud parents and restless little brothers and sisters. The performers sat in the front row, most of them in their week-old Easter finery, and all of them with hair neatly combed and faces diligently scrubbed.

Susan's piece was a tuneful little number called "Monkeys in the Trees." It was neither too simple nor too complicated, it was just right for her current abilities. I don't think there is too much fatherly prejudice in evidence when I say she played it well and adequately. Aside from her musical skill, she displayed fine poise. She took the entire performance in stride.

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As I watched her leave the platform and walk back to her seat, I wondered at the speed with which children grow and develop. It was only a few

years ago, it seemed, that she was born. She was a difficult baby—hard to put to sleep and forever plagued by colds. She was shy—wouldn't have anything to do with her grandmother.

She didn't get attention that the first-born did. The second child never does. Maybe the parents are just reacting from having fussed and worried over the first child. At any rate, the second child just sort of grows up by itself after infancy, and that's the way it was with Susan.

And now, calmly and with assurance, she had mounted a platform before strangers and played a musical instrument. And with equal poise she had accepted their applause and returned to her seat.

I asked myself where the years had gone, and what I had been doing as Susan changed from a fat and wobbly baby into a young lady.

Oh, she isn't grown up, of course. She still throws an occasional tantrum, refuses to give in to her younger brother, helps around the house only as a concession to parental authority, and neglects to pick up her clothes. She likes to hang from a horizontal bar, would follow her big brother everywhere if he let her, talks to herself as she plays with dolls, sasses her mother once in a while and has weepy spells. Withal, she can be sweet as honey and live up to the very letter of the Brownie credo.

All this and more came home to me as I watched this child, and marveled at the goodness that the years bring. Chances are Susan will not be a good pianist. But if she can acquire a skill that she can enjoy, the lessons will not have been in vain. As for me, they have proven their worth manifold already.

## "Japanese in the Americas" Race Relations in Brazil

By ELMER R. SMITH

The number of Japanese in the Americas is not exactly known, but the statistics we have at our disposal would suggest at least 422,600 persons of Japanese ancestry reside in the Western Hemisphere. The largest number of these persons are found in five countries. These countries in order of importance are: Brazil, United States (Hawaii not included), Canada, Peru and Mexico. The countries of Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, Bolivia, Chile, Columbia and Venezuela have a very small Japanese population which would probably not reach over 10,000.

Brazil, the largest country in South America, will hold our attention for the present. It is characterized by a number of features important to the understanding of the position the Japanese occupy in his large country. Most of the country of Brazil would be classified as "tropical forest," while a small section located in the east central area would fall under the heading of "marginal." The topography is made up of mountains and plains, both types being cut by rivers and streams of varying sizes, the largest of course being the Amazon.

Brazil presents a most extraordinary degree of cultural diversity. There are at least seven cultural regions with well defined differ-

ences in attitudes, objectives and technical abilities and specializations. An example will make this type of cultural contrast more understandable. The beautiful and imposing buildings and urban atmosphere of the city of Rio de Janeiro is in radical contrast to the back-country rural regions inhabited by native Indians and/or descendants of early Negro slaves. These back-land peoples live in simple huts, with few "modern accessories" to aid them in their everyday activities. The diet of these folk consist principally of corn, beans, rice and a little meat.

Large areas of Brazil are plantation types of rural farming. It is to these plantations that many of the immigrant groups as well as native Indians and Negroes find work and homes. The products raised on the plantations consist primarily of coffee, rubber, sugar cane, corn, rice, beans and cotton.

The ethnic composition of the peoples in Brazil is highly varied, and to describe them would take a volume. However, for our purpose we may outline the following principal groups: (1) the native Indian, (2) the Negro, (3) Portuguese, (4) Italians, (5) Poles, (6) Germans (7) Austrians, (8) Spaniards (9) Japanese. These various ethnic strains have been mixed to varying degrees, with the exception of the Japanese of which we will have more to say at another time. The present ethnic make-up of Brazil has been listed by the census as follows:

(1) "branco" (white); (2) "preto" (yellow — Japanese); (4) "moreno" (dark); "Indio" (Indian); (6) "mestico" (mixture, usually applied to cross of white and Indian); (7) "mulato" and "pardo" (mulatto and brown); (8) "caboclo" and "mameluco" (mixture of white and Indian); (9) "cafus" and "cafuso" (mixture of Indian and Negro).

The great degree of ethnic mixing needs an explanation in terms of the conditions centering in the social relations of the various groups and the attitudes concerning various forms of discrimination types of prejudices found among these ethnic groups. It will be to this problem of "race relations" (if one can call it that in Brazil) that we will turn in our discussion next week. We will have a chance to contrast Brazilian and United States methods of conducting relations among ethnic groups, as well as understand the peculiar situation the persons of Japanese ancestry found themselves in Brazil.

commented Mary, "I told Virginia she could have another if they conducted themselves properly at this critical first party. So far, they all impress me as very nice kids. This is Virgie's first party—and oh, how badly she wanted to have it. So, we let her do it up brown. The boys came to help and I really didn't have too much to do. They're all good kids."

Frank nodded in agreement. "They dance better than we do, too."

On the way out we found our Rick and a crony on the front porch so reminded them to be sure to thank their older host and hostesses, and to be polite we remarked to young Johnny that they certainly had a nice party.

The boys enthusiastically agreed that it was the best ever: larger living-room accommodations than any teen party so far with the Fuerte's recent redecoration job adding a Spring-like touch to the setting, more favors and frills because of Rick's wholesale discounts, and being allowed to stay up until 11 p.m.

Wending homeward we reflected that we liked the cosmopolitan set-up with guests of all racial backgrounds, the innocent carefree mixing of the boys and girls, and the graciousness of the Mexican-American hosts in giving a typically American party with typical Latin hospitality.

The kids were lucky to be living in this place (the U.S.A.) at this moment in history. We could even stand one more week of Johnny Ray's bawling "cry-cry" recordings six times a day, if it made them happy—

## Vagaries

Speaker . . .

The JACL's national convention committee has a tentative "yes" from one of the government's foremost officials to an invitation to be the main speaker at the San Francisco confab. . . . The JACL's letter to the Federal Communications Commission, asking TV networks and stations to screen wartime motion pictures to delete racist references to Japanese Americans, made the front page of the April 16 issue of Variety, the bible of the entertainment world. . . . Lieut. Col. Walter Tsukamoto, former Sacramento attorney and past national prexy of the JACL, was in Salt Lake City this week as presiding officer at a general court-martial held at Fort Douglas. Col. Tsukamoto returned late last fall after five years of service in the Far East, including one year in Korea and participation in the Inchon landing.

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TV Semantics . . .

Dr. S. I. Hayakawa, University of Chicago semanticist and editor of the magazine Etc., is not only the author of a best-selling book on semantics ("Language in Action") but is an accomplished television performer. Dr. Hayakawa was featured in a talk on "How to Listen to Campaign Oratory" on WNBQ's "Live and Learn" program last month. His performance got a rave review in a recent issue of Variety, the reviewer finding "it was neither stuffy nor too rarified." . . . Dr. Hayakawa will conduct sessions in semantics at San Francisco State College this summer.

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Serenade . . .

Ann Blyth, the film star, has made more appearances before GIs in Army camps and hospitals than any other Hollywood personality except Bob Hope during the past year. Miss Blyth who goes about her tours without fanfare or publicity turned up at Oahu's Tripler Army Hospital recently and sang for an audience which included many Nisei veterans of the Korean fighting. Then the lovely Miss Blyth made Seishun Shimabukuro the envy of his fellow patients at Tripler by serenading him with the song "When You're In Love."

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Art Director . . .

Critics attending the recent preview of MGM's "Carbine Williams," the James Stewart film with a prison background, had nice things to say about Eddie Imazu's art work. . . . Reason Edmund Grainger's "The Korean Story" has no scheduled release date as yet is procrastination on the part of Howard Hughes. The RKO studio head has some films made three years ago which he has not released. More than a score of Colorado Issei and Nisei who appeared in "Korean Story" are awaiting the premiere of the picture.

# PACIFIC CITIZEN Sports

## Yomiuri Giants Favored Again

The Yomiuri Giants of Tokyo are the favorites to win the Japanese pro baseball championships again this year and one reason is that the Giants have signed a hard-hitting Honolulu Nisei, Jun Hirota, to bolster the team's one weak department, catching. The Giants shut out the Hanshin Tigers in a pre-season game recently as Wally Yonamine hit a home run... Paul Tanouye won the singles in the recent Organized Veterans bowling tourney in Denver with a handicapped 691 tally. Sam Ota and Aki Kitashima placed 3rd in doubles with 1255. Several other Nisei ex-GIs were in the money... Pvt. Mas Umemoto, Wapato, Wash., a veteran of Golden Gloves competition, boxed in the 6th Army's southern district championship at Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, this week. Pvt. Umemoto is now taking basic training at Camp Roberts... Reason Jerry Fujiwara, hard-hitting Idaho welterweight, has been absent from the Intermountain boxing scene is that he is away in service... The Mori-waki Realtors won the championship of the San Francisco Nisei Majors at Downtown Bowl last week.

## Bob Shibuya Wrestles on Coast

Bob Shibuya, formerly of Los Angeles, is the latest Nisei to enter the professional wrestling game. Shibuya, star lineman at the University of Hawaii and at Los Angeles City College, turned pro last year in Honolulu but made his first mainland appearance last week at Hollywood Legion Stadium when he teamed with Masa Kimura of Japan against Ted Christy and Peter Tinestau in a tag team match. The team of Kimura and Toshio Yamaguchi, both from Japan, has been attracting capacity crowds on the west coast but Yamaguchi was recalled to Nippon, necessitating the call for Shibuya. Since the Hollywood Legion bouts are filmed and televised nationally, Shibuya soon will have a national reputation... Pro ball scouts who have seen him perform believe Jimmy Wasa, veteran second baseman of the Honolulu Asahis, would have made good in play-for-pay circles. Wasa impressed Manager Lefty O'Doul when the San Francisco Seals trained in Hawaii back in 1946. Wasa did get some offers but did not take them, preferring to concentrate his ball-playing in Hawaii. After 12 years with the Asahis and the Honolulu Braves, Wasa was appointed manager of the Asahi this year while Takeo Nakamura, last year's skipper, was moved up to general manager. Wasa's best year was in 1944 when he played against service teams whose rolls were studded with major leaguers... Ben Yokomizu had 2 for 4, including a two-bagger and two RBIs but his Utah State team lost a 7 to 12 game to Montana U. Yokomizu scored a run as Utah State defeated Montana 4 to 3 in the second game.

Lloyd Morita scored the winning run as the Livingston, Calif., High Wolves won the Valley Oak League championship last week by defeating Oakdale... Sacramento College's Matsumoto who has been clearing around 12 feet in recent meets was second last week at Santa Rosa where the winning height was 12 feet 6... H. Takahashi holds the second highest average in the Ontario, Ore., Commercial bowling league with 179, while George Doi has 178 and Heizie Yasuda carries 178... The Grapettes, led by high-scoring Sashi Ikeda, qualified for the San Jose Women's Bowling Association's "champions of champions" tournament last week by defeating Service Radio in a playoff for the Nisei Ladies League title.

## Nishiguchi Places High in Ritz Classic

Art Nishiguchi, who bowled his first game in league play only three years ago in the Salt Lake JACL league, emerged as one of the outstanding bowlers in the West in the annual Ritz Classic last weekend when he took seventh place and \$150 prize money with a 1641 series, a 205 average for eight games across 16 alleys. Nishiguchi, now one of the leading bowlers in Reno, Nev., finished up with games of the 214 and 243 to surge up among the leaders in the Ritz Classic which annually attracts many of the West's top keggers. Nishiguchi's score was bettered only by Joe Barney of Ogden, who won the event with 1719, Leo Rollick, Don Wroten, Frisco Burnette and Jack Soelberg from the Pacific Northwest and Jerry Morissette from Los Angeles. The Ritz event also brought together some of the Intermountain area's leading Nisei bowlers. Among the 42 entries from Denver were Dr. Takashi Mayeda, Hooch Okumura, John Sakayama, Frank Sebara and Jim Ota. Ace Mori, Joe Sato and George Sato (1950 National JACL singles champion) came down from Potacello. Among the Salt Lake entries were Dr. Jun Kurumada, Maki Kaizumi, Ken Takeno, Jack Aramaki, Masao Satow and Tom Matsumori... The same bowlers, with the addition of George Kishida, also rolled in the Doug Muir Individual Classic which was held concurrently with the Ritz event at the Pal-D-Mar lanes. George placed in the top ten in this event with a 1528 total, while Maki Kaizumi had a 1500. The Pal-D-Mar event was won by Burnett, with Wroten and Hank Lauman of Los Angeles placing second and third... Another entrant in the two events was Don Gee of Oakland, Calif., who holds the highest average (198) of any Chinese American bowler in the country. Gee, who also rolls in the San Francisco Nisei Majors, is a member of the San Francisco JACL chapter. His average in the Oakland league earlier this season was 203. He is now enroute to Milwaukee to compete in the ABC tourney... Rosa Mayeda of Denver came to Salt Lake for the Temple Queens tourney and took home 10th money with a handicapped 810 for four games.

## Hirayama Scores Important Run

Fibber Hirayama, who has been in something of a batting slump, scored the tying run as Fresno State College defeated the University of California, 3 to 2, last week. Hirayama's speed on the bases contributed to the Bulldog rally which edged the Bears. Fibber hit a double and stole a base as the Bulldogs defeated the Bakersfield Indians of the California League and he walked, stole second and scored on a single as the collegians defeated the pro Fresno Cardinals, 3 to 2. Harvey Zenimura, playing leftfield, contributed to the latter win with 2 for 4 and also stole a base. Zenimura contributed a pinch-hit single, scoring a run, as Fresno State lost a 5 to 3 decision to Visalia, also of the Class C California circuit... Although George Goto is back at Placer College, he has not pitched as yet for the Spartans because of a sore arm. He did hurl an inning for the Placer JACL team last Sunday to help them to a season's opener victory over Nevada City in the Placer-Nevada League. Mo Okamoto is one of Placer College's starting hurlers.

## George Inai Wins Bowling Honors

Rolling against the leading bowlers in the San Francisco area in the 20th annual Diamond Metal tournament, George Inai won the championship of the top division, Class One, on April 19 at Bagdad Bowl. Inai defeated Ora Mayer in the finals, 640 to 599. His semi-

## Kimura Loses In Bid for U. S. Olympic Berth

AMES, Iowa—Joe Kimura of San Francisco lost out in his bid for a place on the U.S. Olympic Games wrestling team when he was pinned by Jack Blubaugh of Ponca City, Okla., in the semi-finals of the Olympic tryouts held on April 19. The Nisei grappler from San Francisco State, competing in the 125.5 pound class, lost his fifth round bout to Blubaugh after pinning Paul Boyko of Toledo University in the fourth round on April 18.

## Umeda Loses To Teran in Bloody Bout

LOS ANGELES — Tommy Umeda, the fighting 442nd veteran, lost a 10-round decision on April 22 to unbeaten Keeny Teran in a rousing embroglio which had 3,500 fans on their feet at the finish.

In his first bout since his return from Australia, the Nisei scrapper gave the baby-faced Teran the hardest fight of the latter's career. Umeda finished with a roar in the ninth and tenth frames to nearly take the decision away from the harder-punching Teran.

Although Umeda suffered only a minor lip wound, Teran's left eye was closed and his nose was bleeding badly at the finish.

The bout started off at a fast pace with Teran the aggressor. His sharp punching built up a lead in points for him in the early rounds.

In the fifth Teran staggered Umeda after a hot exchange. Teran's eye was swelling badly as he went to his corner.

In the sixth both boxers threw caution to the winds and engaged in a free-for-all.

Teran took both the seventh and eighth by a shade but Umeda came back to ear the ninth round.

Umeda brought the crowd to its feet in the tenth as he came out with a rush and seemed on the way to giving Teran the first defeat of his career. Teran fought back grimly and managed to last out the round.

Although he lost the decision, Umeda's showing was the best in his two years of fighting in Southern California, according to ring-siders.

Umeda entered the ring at 120½ pounds, while Teran weighed 116.

## Makes Olympic Tryouts: Nisei Distance Runner Takes Fifth in Boston Marathon

BOSTON, Mass.—Norman Tamanaha, 45-year old Hawaiian Nisei warehouseman, who collapsed at the finish line as he placed fifth in a field of 157 in the famous Boston Marathon on April 19 was one step nearer the fulfillment of the dream of his life this week.

Tamanaha's performance was the surprise of the 26 mile 386 yard endurance grind, finishing third among all the Americans entered. By being in the "first ten" Tamanaha qualified for the tryouts for the U.S. Olympic team and is given a good chance to make the squad on the basis of his performance in the Boston grind.

A veteran of 19 years of endurance racing, Tamanaha paid his own way to Boston in the hope that he would be able to qualify for the Olympic tryouts. He finished in 2:51.55, running his heart out. He

collapsed as he crossed the finish line. The winner was Doroteo Flores, 30-year old Guatemalan textile worker, who ran the distance in 2:31:53. Only Victor Dyrgull, who placed second, and Thomas Jones of Philadelphia, fourth, were ahead of Tamanaha among the Americans entered. In his only other appearance in the Boston marathon Tamanaha finished 45th in a field of 186th in 1946. Tamanaha fell into the arms of Boston Mayor John B. Hynes and a policeman as he crossed the line. An attendant picked him up and carried him inside. The Hawaiian was grimacing and holding his left thigh just before he finished. He walked his last step across the yellow painted line and then collapsed.

final victory was over Bill Fraser by a 592 to 529 score. Mayer reached the finals with a 668 to 550 win over Henri Takahashi. Ken Marino, the only other to reach the semi-final round from among more than a score of Nisei starters, last to Pete Lamb in Class 3. Inai also turned in the top scratch score in the rolloff of the champions of the six divisions in the tournament but placed fourth in the handicapped grand finals. Inai rolled a 203 average for six games. Bill Nishioka of Caldwell, Ida., turned in a "200" the hard way in a singles tournament last week... Maki Kaizumi had an all-spate game in the Pal-D-Mar Classic last week in Salt Lake City... Bowling in Class C in the Los Angeles Examiner tournament, Nag Ushiyama already has won four qualifying rounds to run his cash prize total to \$80. His latest was a 615 at L10-Da-Mar. Bob Hayamizu won the Class B round at the same house with 644. Tok Ishizawa won the class A competition at Luxor with 643 while Nob took the B round with 625 at Culver City. This Examiner tournament is the one in which Hy Sechi and Mush Matsumoto won \$500 apiece last year... Charles Bourdeaux won the Ventura County JACL's fishing derby last week with a 3 lb. 1½ ounce perch. Slap Takasugi was second.

## Tokyo Giants Sign Bill Nishita Japan Champions May Also Get Hirayama, Sakuma Next Year

HONOLULU — The Tokyo Yomiuri Giants, champions of Japanese professional baseball, are loading up with Nisei baseball players in anticipation of the 1953 season when they will train at Santa Maria, Calif., and will play against Pacific Coast League clubs during the spring training period.

The Giants last week signed Bill Nishita, rated by many as the outstanding pitcher of Japanese ancestry, and Tsuneo (Cappy) Harada, California-born representative of the Tokyo club, said he hopes to sign at least three other Nisei for the 1953 season.

Nishita, former Honolulu inter-scholastic star and mainstay of the University of California pitching staff last season, will play with the Tokyo Giants this year. He turned down a contract with the Mainichi Orions earlier this year and played this season for Moiliili, champions of the Honolulu AJA league, winning "outstanding player of the year" honors.

Harada said that the Tokyo Giants hope to sign two mainland Nisei players, Captain Fibber Hirayama of Fresno State College and Junius Sakuma, a 6 foot tall south-paw who received pro baseball offers when he hurled for GI teams in the Far East several years ago.

Two other players in whom the Tokyo club is interested are Ray Kaneshiro, a pitcher for Kalihi Valley in the Oahu AJA circuit, and Dick Kitamura, shortstop for Colorado A & M who recently received an award as the "outstanding college baseball player in Colorado in 1951."

Kaneshiro would have been signed this year, Kaneshiro said, but a present Japanese league rule restricts the number of "foreigners" who can play with any one club.

Harada inked Nishita to a contract on April 17.

Harada, a former Occupation Army officer with Gen. MacArthur's headquarters, told Wallace Hirai of the Honolulu Times that Nishita

wants to play pro baseball in the United States.

"Bill is potentially a big leaguer," Narada said.

He declared that Nishita would be used by the Tokyo Giants in training games against Coast League clubs next spring and if he makes good several clubs will be ready to sign him.

"I've received that assurance already," Harada said.

Nishita will report to the Tokyo Giants on May 1.

The Tokyo Giants won the championship of the Central League by fifteen games last season and then defeated the Pacific League champions in the Japanese "world series."

The Giants already have two Nisei stars in Wally Yonamine, former outfielder for the Salt Lake City Bees and Jyun Hirota, University of Hawaii catcher who was signed this year.

According to Harada, Yonamine just missed out on "rookie of the year" honors last year, while Hirota is expected to be the "rookie of the year" this season. Masata (Dopey) Morita, a pitcher from Hilo, also has been playing with the Giants.

Terms of Nishita's contract were not disclosed but it was believed his contract is one of the biggest ever given a player in Japanese baseball. Nishita's present contract is for two years.

## Schedule Bowling Tourney At JACL National Parley

SAN FRANCISCO — Bowlers from all parts of the country are expected to take part in the Bowling Tournament here during the 12th Biennial National JACL convention.

One of the special events scheduled during the convention, the

bowling tournament will be held on June 27 and 28 from 1-5 p.m. at Downtown Bowl, Jones and Eddy Streets in San Francisco. The Downtown Bowl was the scene of the 1950 National JACL Tournament, and is also scheduled as the site for the 1953 National JACL Bowling Tournament.

Co-chairmen for the Tournament are Dixon Ikeda, all-events champion of the 1950 National JACL bowling tournament in San Francisco, and George Inai, the newly crowned champion of the double's event at the National JACL Bowling Tournament in Denver this year.

According to the co-chairmen, there will be singles, doubles, and mixed doubles events. The handicap is set at ¾ of 190. On Friday, June 27, the singles and doubles events will be held, with the squads starting on the hour. On the following day, all three events — singles, doubles and mixed doubles — will be held. Trophies and cash awards will be presented to the winners.

The tournament will be open to all JACL members who are registered for the convention. The entry fee for the tournament will be \$3 per event, and \$5 for the mixed event. Entries will be received until 1 p.m. on June 27, according to the two chairmen; however, all those who plan to participate in the tournament are requested to submit their names as soon as possible. All entries should be addressed to 2031 Bush Street, San Francisco 15, Calif., it was stated.

## L. P. TEAM WINS CALIFORNIA JUDO CHAMPIONSHIP

SAN JOSE, Calif.—James Kobayashi of Los Angeles was voted the "outstanding judoman" as the Los Angeles Judo Club won the unofficial California championship over an underdog Stockton team at San Jose State College gymnasium on April 19.

Stockton entered the finals with an upset victory over Coach Yosh Uchida's San Jose State college team.

The San Jose Buddhist Church won the junior division crown.

**Vital Statistics**

**BIRTHS**

To Mr. and Mrs. Francis Nihei a girl, Patricia Gail, on March 29 in Cleveland, O.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Manch Uyesugi a boy, Dennis Andrew, on March 4 in Cleveland.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Philip Ichiro Nagasawa a boy, Paul Wayne, on March 29 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Teruo Sawa a boy, Mark Robin, on March 28 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Kunio Inouye a boy on April 9 in San Francisco.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Tosh Tawara a boy on April 15 in Denver.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. George Kawada, Westley, Calif., a girl on April 7.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. George Honda a boy on April 5 in Seattle.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. David T. Miyachi a boy on April 9 in Seattle.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Masayoshi Yamada, Stockton, Calif., a boy on April 3.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Motohiro Nakamura, Oakland, Calif., a girl on March 31.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Masao E. Inouye a girl on April 5 in Sacramento.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Tim Y. Tokuno, Yuba City, Calif., a boy on April 12.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Seiji Fred Yarnari, Palo Alto, Calif., a boy, Ryoichi Eugene, on April 6.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Akira Yoneda, Mountain View, Calif., a girl, Janice Chiyoko, on April 6.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Roy S. Samaji a boy in Berkeley, Calif.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Y. Hokari a boy on April 14 in Seattle.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. James Takisaki a boy on April 14 in Seattle.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. George R. Kanagaki a boy in Berkeley.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Tatsuo Nakamoto a boy in Berkeley.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. George Tokuji Umamoto a boy on March 29 in Fresno.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. George Wada a boy on March 26 in Fresno.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. George Fukuhara a girl on April 17 in Seattle.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Masaru Matsura a girl on April 2 in San Francisco.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Tadao Ted Shimokaji a boy, Ronald Tsuyoshi, on April 4 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hashimoto a girl, Peggy, on April 6 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harada a boy, Eric Tadayoshi, on April 6 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mitsuzo Kawaminami a girl, Janice Ann, on April 6 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeru Hirashima, Norwalk, Calif., a boy, Takeshi Thomas, on April 7.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kozo Ikemi a girl, Roberta May, on April 4 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Michimasa Kinoshita a girl, Jane Kiyomi, on April 6 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hiro Eejima a girl, Louise Sumi, on April 3 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shu Kit Kwong (nee Momo Nagano) a girl, Maria, on April 5 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Nobuo Morimoto, Hollywood, Calif., a boy, Dale Nobuo, on April 7.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Tatsuo Murata, West Los Angeles, a boy, Michael Matsuo, on April 9.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Todomu Nakagawa a boy, Kenneth Kenichi, on April 6 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. George Yutaka Nishikawa a girl, Colleen Hiroko, on April 3 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. William Y. Sumida a girl, Sharon Toyoko, on April 8 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wakamatsu a girl, Ellen Carol, on April 6 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Isao Furukawa a boy, Cedric Hisashi, on April 9 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Sam F. Kato, Brighton, Colo., a girl.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Nobe Miyamoto a girl on March 22 in Fresno.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Khan Komai a boy, Chris Makoto, on April 19 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Mitsuo Ikeguchi a girl, Donna Michiko, on April 12 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ida, Oakland, Calif., a boy, Richard John, on April 20.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Mas Yamashita a girl, Nancy, on March 24 in Caldwell, Ida.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Koyama a girl, Diane, on March 21 in Nampa, Ida.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Suyehira a girl, Jody Lynn, on April 3 in Emmett, Ida.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Mosie Ogawa a boy, Donald, on April 14 in Nampa, Ida.

**DEATHS**

Shiro Higuchi on April 17 in Los Angeles.  
 Yoshiji Fujino on April 16 in Los Angeles.  
 Tota Nishimura, 65, on April 10 in Del Rey, Calif.

**MARRIAGES**

Kiyoko Kawai to Roy Toshio Sahara, Richmond, Calif., on April 5 in Berkeley.  
 Edna Yamaguchi to Toshio Tasaka on April 19 in New York City.  
 Ayako Nomura to Edward Machida on April 21 in Los Angeles.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES**

Lily S. Kitsutaka and Toshio L. Goto in Denver.  
 Lillian Niiya, 22, and Joe Inouye, 21, in San Francisco.  
 Rose Y. Murata, 26, and Sam I. Arase, 23, Fair Oaks, Calif., in Sacramento.  
 Betty Mae Yoshiye Fujino, 19,

**Aono, Partner Win Boise City Bowling Title**

BOISE, Ida. — Minor Aono of Boise teamed with Al Pankow to win first place in the doubles event in the Boise City Bowling tournament recently with a handicapped 1284 total.  
 They also placed fourth in the scratch doubles with their 1118 score.  
 Aono also shot a 614 total in singles to get in the money in that event.

**Yonamine Clouts Third Home Run**

TOKYO—Outfielder Wally Yonamine of the Yomiuri Giants clouted his third homer of the season in pacing his team to an 8 to 2 victory over the Kokutetsu Swallows in a Central League game on April 17.

**Two Bowling Meets Planned In Sacramento**

SACRAMENTO — This city's combined Oriental American leagues will hold two big bowling tournaments during the Memorial Day weekend.

The Sacramento Chinese Bowling Club, with the Nisei comprising a third of its membership, will sponsor a men's Oriental bowling tournament at Alhambra Bowl. The second annual Oriental girls tournament will be held at Sacramento Bowl.

Entry deadline for both tournaments is May 15.

The men's tournament will be on a handicap basis, two-thirds of 200, with bowlers using their 1950-51 Bluebook average or their current 1951-52 average, whichever is higher. All entrants must be ABC members.

A prize of \$125 is guaranteed for first place in the team event.

The entry fee for each event is \$4 with the exception of a four-game sweeper at \$5.50 and a handicap mixed doubles which will be \$5 per team.

Entry fees may be received from Larry Wong, chairman, at 3036 3rd Avenue, Sacramento, or Shig Imura at 2230 9th Street, Sacramento. Other members of the tournament committee are Frank Wong, Dubby Tsugawa and Virgil Yee.

The women's tournament, sanctioned by the Women's International Bowling Congress, will have a two-thirds of 180 handicap basis. The entry fee is \$3 per event and entry blanks may be obtained from Katherine Moy, 1227 V Street, or from Aya Sato, 617 S Street, Sacramento.

and Mitoshi Sakamoto, 22, Morgan Hill, Calif., in San Jose.  
 Asaka Horimoto, 26, and Teruo Ted Mayeda, 26, both of Berkeley, Calif.  
 Eiko Ruby Yamamoto, 22, Petaluma, Calif., and Minoru Akiyoshi, 27, Berkeley.



Bill Nishita, star Nisei pitcher, signs a contract in Honolulu with the Tokyo Yomiuri Giants as Tsuneo (Cappy) Harada, representative of the Tokyo club, looks on. Nishita, named to the all-star team of the California Intercollegiate Baseball Association last season after pitching for the University of California will report to the Giants on May 1.  
 —Hawaii Times photo by George Miyachi.

**YOSHIOKA SETS NEW AMERICAN LIFTING MARK**

HONOLULU—George Yoshioka, national featherweight weightlifting champion, set a new American record for the clean and jerk in the 123-pound division in the Oahu championship tournament on April 18.

Yoshioka clean-and-jerked 260 pounds to eclipse the American mark of 248 held by Emerick Ishikawa and the Hawaiian record of 255 by Richard Tom.

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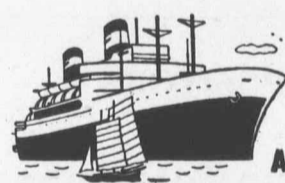


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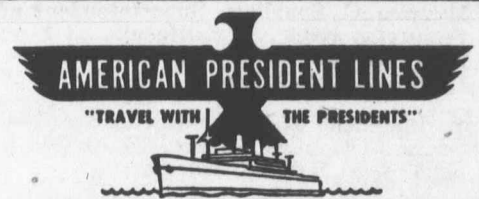


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### Placer JACL Wins Opening League Game

NEVADA CITY, Calif.—A do-or-die Placer JACL ball club, nearly down for the count, came up swinging in the last frame to win over the Nevada City Athletics on April 13, 9 to 8, in the opening game of the Placer-Nevada league at Pioneer Park.

Trailing on the short end of an 8 to 6 score going into the ninth, it was firstsacker Norm Matsuoka who, with two away and the bases populated, connected for his fourth hit of the day. Matsuoka's clean grounder to rightfield sent his team into the lead.

A pair of walks drawn by George Goto and Yosh Takayama and a single by Bob Kozai set the stage for the pulp magazine finish.

Goto, in his first brief stint of the year, hurled the last of the ninth and finished off the top of the Nevada City batting order, Trathen, Clark and Fouyer, in 1-2-3 order.

The JACL team got off to a good start and led 2 to 0 up to the third inning when the Athletics got on to Takayama for four hits and dented the plate three times. Takayama was relieved by Sam Ikeda in the fourth but the Athletics continued on their rampage and grabbed an 8 to 2 advantage as late as the sixth inning.

The turning point for the Nisei finally arrived in the seventh when they crept up by scoring three more runs on a single and a pair of extra base blows, and another in the eighth to make the score respectable. This meant the showers for Fisher and Trathen was sent in for relief.

Batting cleanup, Matsuoka connected for the most hits of the game, a neat 4 for 6 including a 2-bagger, while shortstop Kozai as leadoff man also poled with 3 hits.

Clark, Childer, and Fisher each garnered 2 hits apiece for the Athletics, one of the latter's going for an extra base.

The score by innings:

Placer JACL		Nevada City	
Hits	222 001 312—13	Hits	004 141 000—10
Runs	101 000 313—9	Runs	003 230 000—8

The batteries:

Placer JACL Takayama, Ikeda, and Goto, and B. Hayashida.

Nevada City Fisher, Trathen, and Fouyer.

### Vets Plan Social

CHICAGO—A "get-acquainted" social for members, their families and friends will be held by the Nisei veterans of the Rome-Arno American Legion Post May 3 at the Northside Buddhist Church.

### Pacemaker Team Wins San Diego Bowling Crown

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—The Pacemaker No. 1 team won the championship of the San Diego JACL winter bowling league which concluded its season recently.

The Pacemakers won 72 and lost 36 in the ten-team circuit. Cal Vita with 64 wins and 44 losses was second, followed by Paul's Insurance, Alley Cats, the Lobos and Pacemaker No. 2 who were tied for fifth, Maggio and Eagles—tied for seventh, General Fertilizer and Clark's Department Store.

The Pacemakers turned in the season's high game with 893, while Clark's had 2488 for the top three-game series.

The league's awards dinner on April 19 at the Manor Hotel saw M. Nakamura of the Maggio team win the award for the men's high game with 256 while Judith Seki of the Lobos was honored for the women's high game of 232.

### Chapter Announces Program for Year

BLANCA, Colo.—Activities for the coming year were mapped out by the San Luis Valley JACL at a cabinet meeting at the S. Yoritomo home on April 8.

The chapter will hold its annual children's picnic soon, with the date and locale to be announced shortly.

The group voted to sponsor a baseball team this summer and a bowling league in the fall.

Roy Inouye gave a brief resume of recent district council convention in Denver.

### Cancer Film Shown For Women's Group

SAN JOSE, Calif.—An educational movie on cancer and its detection in women was presented by the American Cancer Society at the April 15 meeting of the San Jose Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service.

Kay Ishigaki was chairman for the meeting, with Dr. James J. Higuchi giving a translation for the benefit of the Issei. A question and answer period followed.

A brief business meeting was held with Pres. Amy Higuchi presiding. Refreshments were served by Hiroko and Toshio Masunaga.

### Hold Shower

CHICAGO — Approximately 30 friends were present at a surprise wedding shower held by the Sorelles Club for Fumi Watanabe on April 13 at the home of Teresa Wakumoto. Hostesses, in addition to Miss Wakumoto, were Dorothy Omori, Nancie Watanabe and Florette Kayumi.

### Kono Begins Training for Olympic Team

SAN FRANCISCO — A young Sacramento Nisei army private who holds all Pacific Coast records for weightlifting in the lightweight and middleweight divisions is now training for the United States Olympic tryouts to be held at New York City on June 27 and 28.

Pfc. Tommy T. Kono, athletic supervisor at Fort Mason, also is the current holder of the national record for the two arm press in the middleweight division, and he placed second in both 1950 and 1951 in the lightweight class of the senior National AAU weightlifting championships.

Pfc. Kono has been in military service since March, 1951. He took his basic training at Fort Ord, Calif., where he served as a cook until transferred to his present post at Fort Mason.

A brother, Pfc. Frank Kono, has been in the Army in Korea for the past eight months.

The Konos are the sons of Kan-ichi Kono of Sacramento.

### Denver Clubs Plan Community Dance

DENVER — A community square dance will be held Saturday, April 26, in the Adams City Junior High School gymnasium under sponsorship of the JACL, the Adult Fellowship and the Brighton JAA.

All proceeds will be donated to the National JACL-ADC.

Door prizes will be given away. Refreshments will be served.

### Cpl. Umemoto Wins Bout by TKO

SAN FRANCISCO — Cpl. Mas Umemoto of Wapato, Wash., won his first bout in the 6th Army boxing championships by a TKO in the second round on April 21.

Cpl. Umemoto floored his opponent in the first round and the bout was stopped when he scored another knockdown in the second.

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CHICAGO—Terry Yamanaka (center) of the Charmettes Girls Club was crowned "Miss Portrait of Spring" by Abe Hagiwara, Chicago JACL president, at a "Portrait of Spring" dance sponsored by the Girls Inter-Club Council of Chicago on April 12.

Miss Yamanaka was crowned with a wreath of flowers donated by George Naritoku of Village Flowers. She also received a loving cup and a compact from Sam Zaiman, a photo from Kiyo Okawa of Album Studios, and a two-year subscription to the Pacific Citizen from Smoky Sakurada. Each of the other candidates received a compact and an order for a photo.

Members of her court are (top, left to right) Jane Kobukata, Tsune Taniguchi, June Kaita and June Yamada; and Pauline Itano (front, left), and Marji Kikuchi. Not in the picture is Claudine Coleman.—Photo by Ken Mazawa.

### Social Winds Up Membership Drive

CLEVELAND, O.—The welcome mat was out for new members of the Cleveland JACL on March 29 when the chapter held a social at the YWCA.

Square dancing, refreshments and social dancing were on the program. Harry Specht, square dance caller, led the group in square dance routines and folk dances.

Tom Andow was chairman. Assisting were Hary Asazawa, Lillian Hashiba, Frances Ikeda, Kiichi Nakashige, Betty Nagao, Chiyo Hirata, Tak Yamagata, Tak Minato, Harry Iwamoto, June Taketa, Betty Miyoshi and June Toguchi.

### Optometrist Opens Pasadena Office

LOS ANGELES — Dr. John Y. Koyama, optometrist and optician, announced this week the opening of an office in Pasadena, to be the fourth opened by Dr. Koyama in the Los Angeles area.

Dr. Takao Shishino, graduate of the University of California and associated with Dr. Koyama at his Los Angeles office during the past year, will be in charge of the new office.

The main office and optical laboratory will be maintained at 2104 West Jefferson Boulevard, Los Angeles.

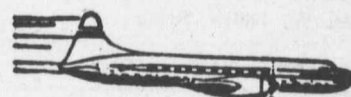
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